

Cumbria Beekeepers Association Executive Meeting Southey Street Methodist Rooms 2.00pm 28th Nov 2015

1) Attendance:-

Walter McPhee	Chairman	- Carlisle
Ian Gregory	Vice Chairman	- Cockermouth
Mike Fitzgerald	Secretary	- Cockermouth
Richard Backhouse		- Penrith
Dennis Chambers		- Penrith
Val Sullivan	President	- Whitehaven
John Harris		- Cockermouth
Steve Barnes		- Keswick
Richard Robinson		- Whitehaven
Melanie Vincent		- Cockermouth
Nick Mills		- Carlisle
Peter Matthews		- Carlisle
Christine Matthews	Treasurer	- Carlisle
Stewart Beattie	Membership Secretary	- Penrith
Peter Harris		- Carlisle

2) Apologies:-, Sue Hannon, Martin Gerrish

3) Minutes of previous meeting:- Minutes accepted and signed.

4) Cumbria BKA – Honey Show 7th Nov 2015

Attendance approx 30off

Talks considered to be excellent.

Exhibits of a high quality but we had hoped for more entries.

A vote of thanks to Steve Barnes and all others for their efforts in organising the event

Looking forward to next year:-

Committee expressed wish that we go back to Newbiggin Hall. **Action S Barnes**

Propose speakers to Exec Committee at next meeting **Action S Barnes**

5) Cumbria BKA Equipment List

The equipment list was discussed and is ready for issue

Agreed that we should put a copy onto the Cumbria Website so that members know what resources we have available and who to contact to gain access **Action M**

Fitzgerald/ R Robinson

Agreed that we should put pictures of our trophy cups onto the internet. **Action C Mathews/ R Robinson.**

6) BBKA Annual Delegates Meeting (ADM)

Stephen Barnes is our delegate to the BBKA Annual Delegates Meeting in January 2016 The Cumbria BKA needs to advise our delegate as how to vote on various matters. Three aspects were considered by our meeting. i.e.

a) Who we support for President and Trustees.?

b) Who we support for the Exam Board members?

c) What way do we what S Barnes to vote on the 14off propositions submitted?

a) President and Trustees.

Our Meeting Mandated support of John Hendry for President.

We noted our support of the nomination of Margaret Wilson as trustee. The rest of the Trustees were accepted in principle but we left it with S Barnes to decide on the day.

b) Exam Board Members.

We left it with S Barnes to decide on the day.

c) Propositions

Proposition 1:- Increase in Capitation fee.- View was that no effective case had been made to increase the capitation fee. Action on Delegate to limit increase to £1 and request justification for the increase.

Proposition 2:- Funding of the Exam Board - Action on delegate to vote against proposition

Proposition 3,4,5,6,7:- Standing Orders for the ADM – These various propositions are similar. It was agreed to vote against the BBKA Exec on Prop 3. The better Prop was considered to be Prop 5. However, meeting give our delegate option to support most appropriate on the day.

Proposition 8:- Recording of votes at the ADM. – Action on delegate to vote against proposition

Proposition 9:- Action on delegate to vote for proposition

Proposition 10:- Exam Board Issue.- Action on delegate to vote against proposition, but supported issue being passed onto the BBKA Exam Board for consideration.

Proposition 11:- Noted that the proposition was unconstitutional and must be rejected.

Proposition 12:- Publishing of BBKA Exec Meeting Minutes Action on delegate to vote for proposition

Proposition 13:- International Meeting of Young Beekeepers.- Action on delegate to vote for proposition

Proposition 14:- Funding of International Meeting of Young Beekeepers Action on delegate to vote against proposition

7) Annual Subscriptions for 2016

The BBKA of the annual subscription for 2016 is £19. Up £1 from 2015.

The Cumbria BKA subscription for 2016 is £3. The same as 2015.

Local BKA Associate Branches will add their own levy to give a combined annual subscription for each Member.

Treasurer would write to Membership Secretaries to remind member of 2016 fees.

Actions C Mathews

8) Membership Secretary

Stewart Beattie takes over the role from Walter McPhee as Membership Secretary this month.

As result of this the Cumbria e-mail address will now be directed to Stewart.

Local Association Membership Secretaries: to be advised to Stewart. **Action-**

Carlisle - TBA

Cockermouth – Peter Weatherill

Keswick - TBA

Penrith - TBA

Whitehaven- TBA

9) **AOB**

Stewart Beattie was presented with a gift as an appreciation of his efforts as our Seasonal Bee Inspector of many years following his retirement from this role in 2015.

Treasurer Christine Mathews noted that she intended to add Melanie Vincent onto signature list for CBKA Cheques. This was accepted.

The 2016 AGM has been rescheduled to 19th March 2016 to avoid Easter.

10) **Next Exec Meeting – Saturday 23rd January 2015** at Southey Street Methodist Rooms 2.00pm

Agenda Items Identified.

Feed back from the BBKA Annual Delegate Meeting.

Meeting closed at 3.55pm